

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 154

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize David K. Zhang, 2015 Valedictorian of Kenwood High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, David K. Zhang is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class at Kenwood High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, David Zhang achieved outstanding academic success and joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, David earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in a number of extracurricular activities, including serving as the president of the STEM Robotics and Engineering Club and holding membership in the Galois Math Club at Austin Peay State University (APSU), the Math Team, the National Honor Society (Turley Oakley Chapter), and the Speech, Drama, and Debate Club; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his academic endeavors at Kenwood High, David Zhang has earned thirty-three credit hours since 2013 in dual enrollment at APSU, where he has taken classes in mathematics and physics and participated in a numerical analysis research project with Robert French and professor Samuel Jator. The research team's findings were presented at the 2014 American Mathematical Society Southeastern Sectional Meeting; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Zhang is a three-time winner of the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System Academic Excellence Award and first-place winner in the Austin Peay TMTA High School Mathematics Contest, a two-time winner of the

Middle Tennessee STEM Expo gold medal, the winner of the 2014 SIAM Mathematical Contest in Modeling, and winner of first chair clarinet in the 2012 Austin Peay Governors Honor Band and the 2012 Gateway Music Association Honor Band; and

WHEREAS, David Zhang was chosen to participate in the 2014 Tennessee Governor's School for Computational Physics; and

WHEREAS, David's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, David's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, David Zhang's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2015 Kenwood High School Valedictorian, David K. Zhang, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.